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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD LETTER TO AMBASSADOR MARTIN

BLUE RIDGE COMMANDER PLEASE PASS AMB. MARTIN

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE
PRESIDENT WITH THE URGENT REQUEST IT BE PASSED TO YOU.
BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR GRAHAM:

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION TO YOU AND
YOUR ENTIRE STAFF FOR THE SUCCESSFUL EVACUATION OF
AMERICANS AND VIETNAMESE FROM SAIGON.

THE TIRELESS DEDICATION OF YOUR MISSION AND ITS SKILLFUL
PERFORMANCE UNDER THE MOST SEVERE PRESSURE WAS VITAL TO
THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS MOST DIFFICULT AND DELICATE
OPERATION.

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PLEASE ACCEPT AS WELL MY SINCERE PERSONAL COMPLIMENTS.

YOUR COURAGE AND STEADINESS AT THIS CRITICAL PERIOD
ENABLED US TO EVACUATE OUR OWN CITIZENS AND A VERY LARGE
NUMBER OF ENDANGERED VIETNAMESE.

I HOPE YOU WILL CONVEY TO YOUR ENTIRE STAFF MY DEEP
GRATITUDE AND THAT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR A JOB
WELL DONE.

SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD

END TEXT.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ONWARD
TRAVEL PLANS TO PASS TO MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY. KISSINGER

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